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1. 27 of the 28 storage tanks constructed at Shkamb i Kavajes (Sassobianco) in 1942/43 by the Italian firm of "Ferrobeton" are still serviceable. 50X1-HUM
2. The tanks are of concrete, with metal linings. They are cylindrical in shape, 5 meters high and 20 meters at the base. The combined capacity of the 27 tanks is approximately 3,000 cubic meters of crude oil.
3. Crude oil is pumped into tankers lying at a wooden jetty, also constructed by the "Ferrobeton" firm. Pumps and piping are in very bad condition; in fact, all accessory equipment is either missing or in a bad state of repair. The floating gauges of the tanks have gone, and have been replaced by measuring devices of only approximate accuracy.
4. The pipeline constructed by the "Ferrobeton" firm between these tanks and the three "AGIP" tanks at Durres has been dismantled, and the material used for renovating the overhead loading installation in Durres harbor. 50X1-HUM
5. The three tanks constructed by the Italian firm AGIP are still in good condition. They are of iron construction, and cylindrical in shape; their respective capacities are 2,000 cubic meters, 2,000 cubic meters and 1,500 cubic meters.
6. Crude oil is pumped into tankers through pipes 10 inches in diameter; some 200 cubic meters can be loaded in one hour.
7. Of the two tanks constructed at Spitalit by the Italian firm "SICIAP", one was made unserviceable during the war.
8. The remaining tank is supported on 9 girders 2 - 3 meters high. Its dimensions are 4.80 meters high and 16 meters broad. In 1947 it was divided up into 16 vertical compartments, each 4 x 4 meters in size. Its capacity is 1,000 cubic meters. At present the tank is used for storing olive oil.

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9. [ ] there are at least four underground metal tanks in Porta Romana, built on rising ground, with a capacity of 100 cubic meters each. Since May 1947 they have been used for storing refined spirit.
10. The tanks empty into a cistern, situated at a lower level, by means of underground pipes. They are filled by means of a pipe placed vertically on top of each tank, and by inlet cocks at ground level. The filling devices and the emptying cistern are visible.
11. The three reinforced concrete tanks at Vrone were destroyed during the war, but were rebuilt on the same lines. Their capacity is 5,000 cubic meters each.
12. Crude oil is loaded by pipes onto tankers at the neighboring jetty. Some 400 cubic meters can be pumped in one hour.
13. [ ] there were six tanks at Vrone/Krionero prior to the war, of which five still remain. The tanks are in two groups, one of three and the other of two tanks. The latter were built before the war by the Italian firm "Ferrobeton". These two, with a capacity of 2,000 cubic meters each of crude oil, are 6 meters in height, and are covered with 5 meters of earth protection. They are connected through an underground pipe.
14. The remaining three tanks are of iron, with a capacity of 5,000 cubic meters each. Before the war they were underground, but were damaged during the war and reconstructed above ground. They are, however, protected by earth, which is built up to the level of the tanks, i.e. 10 meters.
15. A pipeline from Vrone runs up to these three tanks; a branch pipe, running from the main pipe near the narrow-gauge railway Vrone-Selenice, runs up to the other two.

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